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Dear Weisberg:

The IOJ thing was only a suggestion. To what extent your participation in the conference itself - or anyone else's for that matter - could be useful, I just don't know. Past IOJ conferences have been pretty futile because (for no fault of the IOJ, originally started with full participation of UN countries like WFTU, but the "Western" countries walked out) participants were almost all from socialist countries or the extreme left in capitalist countries. As I told you, I was assured that it would be different this time, but whom they will really be able to get to make a dialog remains to be seen.

One thing it would probably do would be to make contacts for you in other countries, who might do something about your book(s). However since you have such a mountain of important work to do at home, probably you should not go.

I may in any case suggest your name as a possible US participant when the time comes, and you can make final decision if and when you are invited.

Finance in any case is no problem. This is one of those junkets where they pay everything. Many, perhaps most, of the participants will be as broke as you are.

The little you tell me about the sequel you're working on intrigues me mightily. I didn't know that you or anyone else had any hard information about who was behind the assassination. I suppose you are prepared to be assassinated yourself if you try to divulge it. The other day Bob Scheer of Ramparts was visiting with us and said there are about 20 characters hovering around their office, dashing back and forth to Dallas, trying to follow up clues (and not even being paid).

All that you tell me is most interesting, especially about the speech to Rotary clubs. Do you have a charmed life? I did not see the Knebel thing you mention. As for Lane, after seeing an interview he gave to Village Voice and Jim Aronson's reply to him on that, I can only conclude he is quite an SOB.

I don't know what suggestions you think I could make about "Tiger". I am a rather remote observer of all this thing. By all means come back at me with any specific problems that I could possibly advise on. I think you do very well to have Sally's help on the practical problems. I now exploit her on all questions relating to books and publishing, and she is very exploitable when she likes someone.

Again my very best wishes

Ernie Pyle